# UNIT 4 Social Issues

## Reading 1 Crossing Borders, Breaking the Law

**Crossing Borders, Breaking the Law**

Moving to a foreign country is a scary idea. This is especially true if you must leave your possessions, friends, and family behind. _____(A)_____, millions of people do this every year, and many are breaking laws in order to migrate.

The flow of illegal migrants is mostly from poorer countries to richer ones. More than ten million unauthorized immigrants live in the United States alone. Approximately half a million try to enter the country illegally every year. Most of these migrants arrive in search of jobs, and _____(B)_____, they make up five percent of the American labor force. But in recent years, the European Union has seen the greatest increase in unauthorized immigrants. In 2015 alone, more than a million people entered the EU without permission. Some were attracted by Europe's strong economy, but many others were escaping conflict at home.

**1. Choose the correct words for (A) and (B).**

| | (A) | (B) |
|---|---|---|
| ① | In fact | instead |
| ② | At the same time | then |
| ③ | As a result | moreover |
| ④ | Nonetheless | in fact |
| ⑤ | Simply put | rather |

**2. What is most likely the topic of the passage?**

① Workplaces for illegal immigrants in the United States
② The current state of the global illegal immigration problem
③ Illegal immigration trends in the United States
④ Similarities and differences of illegal immigration in between North America and the EU
⑤ Why people in developing countries commit illegal immigration

It is easy to feel sympathy for unauthorized migrants who _____. On the other hand, every country has the right to enforce its laws and control its borders. This is a very tricky problem, and no country has found a perfect solution. A balanced approach to the problem should include prevention of illegal immigration, punishment for those who profit from it, and the return of illegal immigrants to their home countries.

**3. Choose the words that best fit in the blank.**

① abandon their families and choose to escape
② end up working in undesirable jobs
③ come to take a job from native people
④ just want a chance at a better life
⑤ come to find a better education

**4. What is most likely the topic of the paragraph that comes AFTER the given text?**

① The reason why illegal immigration should be banned more strongly for the purpose of protecting its citizens.
② How the government solves illegal immigration without causing diplomatic problems.
③ Punishment of its own citizens for helping illegal immigrants.
④ The various efforts that the government can make to prevent or resolve illegal immigration.
⑤ An example of a government effectively addressing illegal immigration.

A sensible way to prevent illegal immigration is to create more jobs in the immigrants' home countries. If they can find good jobs at home, they will have no reason to leave. A truly global economy would mean that each country has enough jobs. Second, people need to be warned against illegal immigration before they leave their home countries. ① If more people are educated about the risks, maybe they will be less inclined to make the trip.

② Measures to penalize illegal immigration are also important. ③ Human smugglers are those who transport immigrants into a country illegally, and since the immigrants must pay the smugglers a high fee, smuggling is a very profitable business. ④ So is the hiring of illegal immigrants to work for very low pay. ⑤ Punishment should focus more on the smugglers and dishonest employers. Finally, the laws need to be strictly enforced. The best law in the world is useless if everyone ignores it.

**5. Where is the best place to insert the sentence below?**

<u>The immigrants, though, are not the only ones who are breaking the law.</u>

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

**6. What is not a reasonable way to stop illegal immigration?**

① addition of jobs to immigrants' home countries
② enlightenment and education on illegal immigration
③ legislation to punish illegal immigrants
④ legal penalties and high taxes on smugglers
⑤ strict enforcement of the law

The final part of the solution is to provide ways to return immigrants to their home countries. It is best if immigrants leave of their own volition. Their home country's government might even provide ways to help them ① <u>return</u>. Governments, however, must consider each ② <u>case</u> individually. Sometimes it is better ③ <u>to let</u> people remain in their new country. For example, some immigrants cannot safely return for political reasons or because of war. The unauthorized movement of people across international borders will continue to be a problem until people everywhere can enjoy peace and prosperity. Until that day ④ <u>will come</u>, nations must work together to enforce their immigration laws, while helping those ⑤ <u>that</u> need it most.

**7. Which of the following is grammatically incorrect?**

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

**8. Why can't illegal immigrants always return home?**

① Because they escaped because of war or political oppression.
② Because they were forced out of their home country.
③ Because they lost their country in the war.
④ Because their home government refuses to take them home.
⑤ Because they have to be punished by law in a new country.

**Title: _____**

People do not always need permission to move to a different country. Certain national borders are open, meaning that people can move back and forth across them (A) [without / under] restrictions. Examples of countries that share open borders include India and Nepal, as well as most nations within the EU.
Open borders are now pretty rare, but they used to be the norm. It was not until the 20th century that people needed passports and visas to travel or migrate. Now there is a movement to return to a world of open borders and free migration. Many people who want to (B) [remove / strengthen] limits on migration argue that freedom of movement is a basic human right. They say it is wrong to treat people differently just because they were born on the other side of an imaginary line. They also argue that when people are allowed to go where jobs are available, the global economy grows, and everyone benefits.

Opponents of open borders reply that this idea cannot work. Without immigration laws, governments could not keep criminals and terrorists out. Also, certain countries attract a lot of immigrants. For those countries, the number of people arriving could be too large to handle. There might not be enough jobs, housing, schools, and other services for the immigrant population. Furthermore, people worry that large numbers of immigrants would make it hard to maintain individual cultures. In fact, a recent survey by the UN found that most people around the world (C) [agree with / oppose] opening their country's borders.

**9. What is most likely the title of the passage?**

① Is the Visa to Stop Terrorists?
② Imaginary Lines Preventing Economic Growth
③ Open Borders: Pros and Cons
④ Successful Opening of Borders: EU Nations
⑤ Open Borders for Balanced World Development

**10. Choose the correct words for (A), (B), and (C).**

| | (A) | (B) | (C) |
|---|---|---|---|
| ① | without | remove | oppose |
| ② | under | remove | oppose |
| ③ | without | strengthen | agree with |
| ④ | under | remove | agree with |
| ⑤ | without | strengthen | oppose |

## Reading 2 The Glass Ceiling

**The Glass Ceiling**

Many professional women fear that they can never make ① it to the top. Even though they work hard, ② little reach the most powerful positions in business. We call this the "glass ceiling." Although women ③ are told they are equal to men, there seems to be an ④ unseen barrier preventing them ⑤ from rising higher. Among the Fortune Global 500—the world's 500 biggest companies ranked by Fortune magazine—only forty-one had women as CEOs in 2020. But why? There are different theories.

**11. What is most likely the topic of the paragraph that comes AFTER the given text?**

① Why feminist women don't get promotion at work
② That women don't get promoted as much as men at work.
③ Why women don't get promoted at work as much as men do.
④ The change in the status of women in the workplace in the 21st century.
⑤ The companies that fail to destroy glass ceiling

**12. Which of the following is grammatically incorrect?**

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Some feminists put most of the blame on sex discrimination. Attitudes toward women almost certainly inhibit women's progress in some ways. _____(A)_____, women are generally thought of as more caring and less aggressive than men. But high-level managers tend to think aggressiveness and competitiveness are positive traits for leaders. A study in 2018 found that women who deliberately showed these "masculine" traits at appropriate times were more successful.

Other research has found that most people link leadership with qualities that are typically associated with men, such as being decisive. Qualities that are usually considered more feminine, such as cooperativeness, are viewed as less important. _____(B)_____ these attitudes can be considered sexist stereotypes, the researchers found they are held by both men and women.

**13. What is most likely the main idea of the passage?**

① The qualities that a leader should have are initiative and determination.
② Discrimination men from women in workplace is different from social gender one.
③ The stereotypes that women have about women hinder their success.
④ Personality traits such as cooperativeness interfere women's promotion.
⑤ Women cannot be promoted because they are not aggressive and competitive.

**14. Choose the correct words for (A) and (B).**

| | (A) | (B) |
|---|---|---|
| ① | Moreover | Whereas |
| ② | In other words | If |
| ③ | In other words | Even though |
| ④ | For example | Although |
| ⑤ | For example | Unless |

But sexist attitudes may not be the whole explanation. Some people point to the choices women make as reasons why they are less likely to hold the most high-powered, high-paying jobs. Most women become mothers in their twenties and early thirties, an event that may interrupt their careers. ① Whether it is fair or not, having children is usually a greater burden on a mother than a father in terms of time and effort—and that means less time at the office. Research shows that women tend to work fewer hours than men in the same industry and are more likely to choose part-time over full-time jobs. The trend toward companies ② gives more paid time off to both new mothers and new fathers might help ③ correct this inequality. However, women are much more likely than men ④ to seek work in areas such as human resources, which rarely lead them to the highest levels in business. Some argue that most women simply prefer jobs that allow them more time with their families. But critics say that sexism in the corporate world discourages women from ⑤ trying to compete in it.

**15. What is true, according to the passage?**

① Women who choose to be mothers have obstacles to their careers.
② It's an unfair competition with men in terms of career for women to be a mom.
③ Companies tend not to hire women because they do not want to give maternity leave.
④ Women fall behind in promotions because women work less hours.
⑤ The low proportion of women in full-time workers is due to corporate gender discrimination policies.

**16. Which of the following is grammatically incorrect?**

① ② ③ ④ ⑤

Despite the debate about why there are few women heading corporations, most people agree that equal opportunity and more diverse business leadership are good goals. And women are making progress in breaking through the glass ceiling. Although forty-one female CEOs in the Fortune Global 500 is a low number, it is also the highest ever reached. As more women take top positions in the corporate world, they pave the way for others to do the same.

**17. What is the closest meaning of the underlined part?**

they pave the way for others to do the same

① They set up a company where women can work while raising children.
② They band together so that more women can be promoted to CEO.
③ They create a social atmosphere in which women can be promoted as much as men.
④ They try to get Fortune magazine to name more women as the top 500 CEOs.
⑤ They set a precedent for other women to bravely challenge.

**18. What is the tone of the paragraph?**

① regretful
② pessimistic
③ promising
④ sorrowful
⑤ appealing

**Women in World Politics**

Margaret Thatcher was one of the most famous female politicians of the 20th century. She knew that the world was watching her and judging all women as leaders. When she became the United Kingdom's first female prime minister in 1979, she said, "A great deal, I think, of the future of women at the top will depend on how I do." Even those who disagree with her admit that she was an effective political leader. Thatcher was re-elected twice. Her strength and determination earned her the nickname "Iron Lady." Since Thatcher, many other women have become leaders of countries. But as with female CEOs, they remain a small (A) [minority / majority].

Some have argued that women make especially good leaders. Chandrika Kumaratunga became president of Sri Lanka in 1994. She felt women brought certain advantages to politics. "Where there is a dedicated, honest, and sincere woman somewhere at the top, she can bring in a much more human touch and a much more (B) [theoretical / practical] approach to problems, and that's very important in politics," Kumaratunga said.

Like Thatcher, however, successful female politicians are not always seen as having a different, "feminine" leadership style. Angela Merkel has led Germany since 2005 as its first female head of state. She is one of the longest-serving and most powerful leaders in her country's history. Merkel and her supporters have never focused on her sex but rather on her intelligence and talents. As one journalist put it, she "has perhaps made the idea of a woman leading her country feel (C) [extraordinary / normal]."

**19. Choose the correct words for (A), (B), and (C).**

| | (A) | (B) | (C) |
|---|---|---|---|
| ① | majority | practical | normal |
| ② | majority | theoretical | normal |
| ③ | minority | practical | normal |
| ④ | minority | theoretical | extraordinary |
| ⑤ | minority | practical | extraordinary |

**20. What is NOT true, according to the first paragraph?**

① Margaret Thatcher was the politician in the United Kingdom.
② Margaret Thatcher served three terms as British Prime Minister.
③ Margaret Thatcher was recognized as an effective politician.
④ Margaret Thatcher's nickname is "Iron Lady" because of her military experience.
⑤ Female CEOs as well as female state leaders are still in the minority group.

**Answer Key**

**1.** ④

**2.** ②

**3.** ④

**4.** ④

**5.** ③

**6.** ④

**7.** ④

**8.** ①

**9.** ③

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**13.** ③

**14.** ④

**15.** ①

**16.** ②

**17.** ⑤

**18.** ③

**19.** ③

**20.** ④